



# Pathways to Success

Helpful Strategies for Parents and Caregivers of Young Children

## Read. Talk. Imagine. Interactive Reading with Children Ages 3-6

Asking questions about books helps children to think about what they hear and see. When you talk or comment about books, children connect their own experiences with new ideas. By going beyond the story, you encourage children to talk even more.

Here are some ways you can get a child talking:

### Think about why something has happened:

- Why do you think they put on their coats?
- The cookie is missing. Where did it go?
- What happened to Peter's snowball?
- The truck is not working. What happened?

### Add dialogue to the story:

- Look at her face; she looks excited! What do you think she will say?
- What do you think the boy will say?
- The boy looks like he is going to jump into the puddle! He is going to get his new boots dirty. What will his mom say?
- What could the girl say to the wolf?

### Talk about the child's reactions to people or events:

- What do you think will happen next?
- It is sad that he lost his toy. How do you think he feels?
- What do you think of that?
- How did the girl feel when her friend didn't show up?
- Do you think they did the right thing?

### Talk about what the story means to them:

- Did that ever happen to you? What did you do?
- What would you do if...?
- What would you have done?